

HIGH SCHOOL CORE COURSES GUIDE

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***ENGLISH - 4 YEARS/UNITS**

NOTE: English courses taken must include literature and substantial emphasis on grammar and composition. Courses such as journalism, business communications, speech and any others not devoted exclusively to the study of English may not be substituted for an English course.

***MATHEMATICS - 4 YEARS/UNITS**

Algebra I, geometry, algebra II, and any advanced math course for which algebra II is a prerequisite, e.g. pre-calculus, calculus, analytical geometry. (It is strongly recommended that students take mathematics during their senior year of high school.)

***LABORATORY SCIENCE (BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, EARTH SCIENCE) - 3 YRS/UNITS**

One unit in at least three of the four areas is recommended, although an advanced level, e.g. advanced placement (AP) or honors course in a lab science completed previously can be used for a third unit. (A laboratory based integrated science course may be used to substitute for one of the three required courses)

***SOCIAL SCIENCE - 2 YEARS/UNITS**

One unit of American History and one unit of any combination of two semesters of additional social science such as geography, government, psychology, anthropology, European or world history, economics, sociology, or philosophy.

***FOREIGN LANGUAGE - 2 YEARS/UNITS**

Two units of the same foreign language; a third year is recommended. American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement.

***FINE ARTS - 1 YEAR/UNIT**

One unit in fine arts or any combination of two semesters of fine art courses. Fine Arts are defined as those that provide the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in production and performance; analysis, interpretation and evaluation; and historical and cultural aspects of the visual and performing arts. Courses must combine theory and practice and include critical thinking skills.

***ART**-Introduction to art, art appreciation, art history, art therapy, art design (three dimensional), drawing, painting, ceramics, sculptures, studio art, life drawing, printmaking, museum studies, photography, art production, art careers and gallery management, graphic design, jewelry.

***DANCE**-Ballet, modern dance, dance performance, dance history, choreography and production, jazz dance, ethnic dance, dance improvisation.

***MUSIC**-Music appreciation, music history, band (beginning, intermediate, advanced, marching), jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, orchestra, choir (beginning, intermediate, advanced, concert), voice, music theory/harmony, instrument training (guitar, strings, winds, piano), glee club, vocal ensemble, music laboratory.

***THEATRE/DRAMA**-Drama, acting, directing, theatre arts, history of theatre, dramatic productions, stagecraft, costume design, and other technical theatre classes.

***COURSE APPLICABILITY TO COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.**

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LISTED BELOW ARE THE 16 CORE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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SUBJECT AREAS	HIGH SCHOOL CORE COURSES
ENGLISH 4 units (Composition or Literature)	English I English II English III English IV
MATH 4 units	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Advanced Math (Alg II Prereq)
LABORATORY SCIENCE 3 units	One unit in at least three of the four areas (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Earth Science) is recommended. An advanced level, e.g. advanced placement (AP) or honors course in a lab science completed previously can be used for a third unit. (Integrated Lab Science may be used to substitute for one required course.)
SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 units	One unit of American History and one unit of any combination of two semesters of additional social science such as geography, government, psychology, anthropology, European or world history, economics, sociology, or philosophy.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE 2 units	Two units of the same foreign language
FINE ARTS 1 unit	One unit of fine arts or any combination of 2 semesters of fine arts.